

FISCAL NOTE

HB 205 - SB 518

February 27, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires a driver to provide proof of financial responsibility at the time such driver is charged with any of the following offenses: DUI, reckless driving, driving while unlicensed, driving on a suspended or revoked license, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving a vehicle with revoked registration, failing to stop after a traffic accident, refusing to submit to a drug or alcohol test, vehicular homicide, failure to satisfy a citation or a forfeiture of bail not vacated, driving a motor vehicle in excess of ten miles over the speed limit, or failure to pay a fine or penalty to a violations bureau for any of these offenses.
- Specifies that financial responsibility means the owner of the motor vehicle had an automobile liability policy or bond applicable to the vehicle, the operator was covered by a liability policy or bond or had qualified as a self insurer, or the motor vehicle was owned by a carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Safety or the Interstate Commerce Commission or was owned by the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision and was being operated with the owner's consent.
- Specifies that a violation of the provisions of this bill is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine only of \$50 for a first offense and \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Exceeds \$2,000,000

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- approximately 210,000 convictions annually for the listed offenses.
- 25% of those convicted will not be in compliance with the financial responsibility requirements of this bill.
- 95% of those charged under the provisions of this bill will be for first offenses with a fine of \$50.
- 5% of those charged will be for second or subsequent offenses with a fine of \$100.
- approximately 80% of the fines levied under the provisions of the bill will be collected annually.
- court clerks will retain 5% commission.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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